

# City of Wichita

## DISTRICT V NEWS

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### Cowskin Groundbreaking- We couldn't have asked for a better day!

On Monday, February 4th, the warmest day of the season thus far, Federal, State, County, and local officials as well as City of Wichita staff and interested citizens gathered together to celebrate and kick off the Cowskin Creek Flood Protection project in west Wichita. The project, with an estimated cost of 4.7 million dollars, is jointly funded by federal and state raised dollars. When completed, it is expected to greatly relieve flooding in west Wichita. The project, operated by the U.S.CORP of Engineers, Tulsa District, is expected to complete in February of 2009.



Congressman Todd Tiahrt and Councilman Jeff Longwell.



Mayor Carl Brewer, County Commission Chair Tom Winters and Congressman Todd Tiahrt.



Guests gather to celebrate the groundbreaking of a much needed and long awaited flood control project in west Wichita.



"Honorary Groundbreaking Crew": Chris Carrier, Dir. of Public Works, Colonel Anthony Funkhouser, CORP of Engineers, Councilmember LaVonta Williams, Councilmember Jim Skelton, Mayor Carl Brewer, County Commission Chair Tom Winters, Congressman Todd Tiahrt, Sandy Martz and Councilmember Jeff Longwell.

### Your District V Representatives are:

**CM Jeff Longwell**

DAB Members:

Mike Bell

Dana Brown

Jay Buckmaster

David Dennis

Joey Ellzey

Jay Flinn

Bryan Frye

Mike Hill

Darrell Leffew

Clarke Sandberg

Kelly Watkins

Pat Ream—Alternate

Logan Fritz—Youth

Neighborhood Assistant:

Megan Buckmaster

### District Advisory Board Meeting

Auburn Hills Golf Course

443 W 135th St West

6:30 p.m.

Meets the 1st Monday of  
every month.

For updates visit  
[www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov)

### Smoking Ordinance Update:

The City of Wichita Smoking Ordinance that Council members Jeff Longwell and LaVonta Williams have been busy crafting will come before the City Council tentatively the 1st Council meeting in April: Tuesday, April 1, 2008.



**City of Wichita Capital Improvement Program, Fiscal Years 2007-2016 District V Project UPDATE!**

**Improvements to the intersection at Central and Tyler:** The project was approved by the City Council on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. The project will reconstruct the intersection to provide dual left turn lanes at all four approaches and improved drainage. New traffic signals will be installed. Construction is planned to begin this spring and be completed this fall.



**Central Street Improvements: 119th St. W to 135 St. W:** Public Works Design Engineers have had to address some concerns with environmental impacts, drainage, and required right-of-way, which has brought about a few changes since the 2005 design. The proposed project improvements changes will be heard by Councilmember Longwell and the District Advisory Board on Monday, March 3rd. Public input is also welcome. The DAB meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf course clubhouse.

## **ITS : the future of traffic information in Wichita**



**ITS is coming to Wichita! Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)** is the use of electronics, computers, sensors, communications, and management strategies to Improve roadway safety and transportation system efficiency.

ITS units are large black message boards that straddle or sit alongside the freeways and are activated with real time traveler information when necessary. Traffic information feeds into a traffic operations center. Operators monitor traffic on most congested roadways, highways and interstates. They respond to free way incidents by notifying proper authorities to clear the roadway and keep traffic flowing as freely as possible. If you have ever traveled on Interstate 70 to and from Colorado or I-35 or I-435 in Kansas City, you have seen these digital traffic information signs detailing weather conditions and traffic flow.

Beginning this summer, an increased ITS presence will be seen in Wichita. Wichita will start a pilot program using temporary closed-circuit cameras, portable variable message boards, and a traffic management center (located at the Sedgwick County Public Safety Center). Three interchange locations will be used in the pilot: I-135/I-235/K-96/K-254, I-135/US-54, and I-235/US-54.

In 2009, installation of permanent facilities will begin. Phase 1 of Wichita's ITS includes I-135 from Kellogg to 85<sup>th</sup> Street N., Us-54/400 from I-235 to Woodlawn, and the I-235/K-96/Meridian interchange.



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### *District V Distribution List*

If you or anyone you know is interested in being added to our distribution list please call or send an e-mail to Megan Buckmaster

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**Megan Buckmaster** is your Neighborhood Assistant. As your Neighborhood Assistant, I am tasked with building, maintaining, and preserving stable, healthy and livable neighborhoods in the City of Wichita in partnership with community stakeholders. I am also here to keep the community informed, help identify resources, and communicate the needs of the community to Council Member Longwell and City staff. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

### *Ask Jeff?*

*"Here to serve the community!"*

Do you have questions for me? Would you like me to attend your Neighborhood or Homeowners Association meeting?

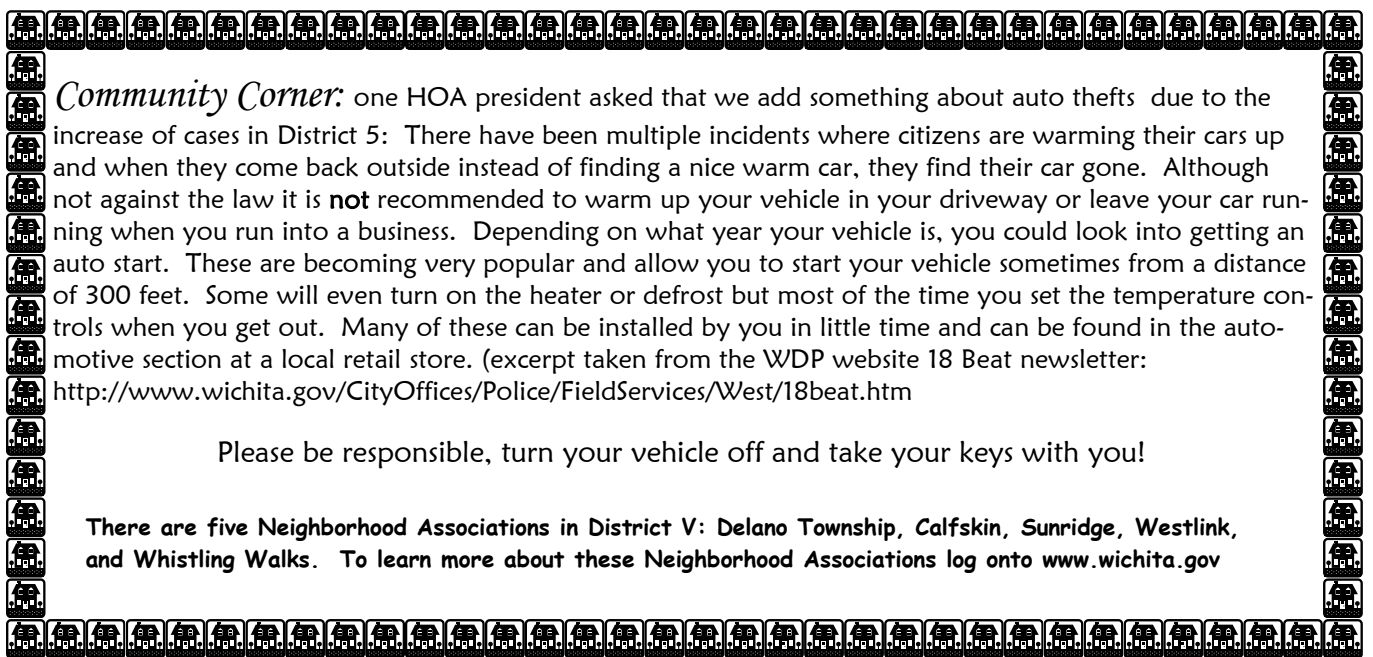
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I look forward to hearing from each of you in the near future and welcome you to join us at our monthly District Advisory Board meeting or breakfast.

Hope to see you soon!



**JEFF LONGWELL**  
CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 5



**Community Corner:** one HOA president asked that we add something about auto thefts due to the increase of cases in District 5: There have been multiple incidents where citizens are warming their cars up and when they come back outside instead of finding a nice warm car, they find their car gone. Although not against the law it is **not** recommended to warm up your vehicle in your driveway or leave your car running when you run into a business. Depending on what year your vehicle is, you could look into getting an auto start. These are becoming very popular and allow you to start your vehicle sometimes from a distance of 300 feet. Some will even turn on the heater or defrost but most of the time you set the temperature controls when you get out. Many of these can be installed by you in little time and can be found in the automotive section at a local retail store. (excerpt taken from the WDP website 18 Beat newsletter: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Police/FieldServices/West/18beat.htm>)

Please be responsible, turn your vehicle off and take your keys with you!

There are five Neighborhood Associations in District V: Delano Township, Calfskin, Sunridge, Westlink, and Whistling Walks. To learn more about these Neighborhood Associations log onto [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov)

# District V/ City of Wichita Calendar of Meetings/ Events:

## March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 District V breakfast 9:30 a.m. Village Tours (21st and Tyler Rd)
2	3 DAB V Meeting 6:30 p.m. Auburn Hills	4 City Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. City Hall	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 M.A.P.C. Meeting 1:30 p.m. City Hall	14	15 C.O.W. Easter Egg Party @ Watson Park 9:00 a.m.-12:00
16	17	18 City Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. City Hall	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 M.A.P.C. Meeting 1:30 p.m. City Hall	28	29
30	31					

## April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 City Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. City Hall	2	3	4	5
6	7 DAB V Meeting 6:30 p.m. Auburn Hills	8 City Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. City Hall	9	10 M.A.P.C. Meeting 1:30 p.m. City Hall	11	12
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## May 2008

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25	26 Memorial Day- City Buildings Closed	27	28	29	30	31